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Dear Friends,

This is my second catalog, if such a modest offering can be called by so dignified a term. It is also my third year in the "Commercial Field", commercial only in the technical sense, as my glad growing is definitely just a hobby. However, it is my seventeenth year of hybridizing, with no apologies, as I have long since passed thru all the stages, according to Gove, from fan, bug, nut, to fiend and beyond.

These seedlings are offered under modest descriptions. I know all the fancy adjectives, but over use and abuse have rendered them meaningless. These seedlings have all been carefully selected and tested from thousands grown and discarded. I never pet them in any way, not even by watering, while under test, so I am sure they will do as well or better for you.

My one business rule protects you from all misrepresentation. YOU MUST BE UNCONDITIONALLY SATISFIED WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION, AND YOU ARE TO BE THE JUDGE.

Sincerely,

O. E. Spencer

1944 INTRODUCTIONS

DEPENDABLE--(39-F13) (Pink Ribbon x 35-B6) (Jane Addams X High Nye)

According to Fisher's Chart DEPENDABLE is lightest red violet with lighter violet red tongue. It really isn't a "blue" but a fine cool shade of lavender, tall, always straight and slender. 6 open 6 in color, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " lightly ruffled florets. This is a dependable midseason, medium decorative lavender that is not bothered by heat or dry weather. DEPENDABLE makes large bulbs in fair quantity that germinate easily.

PRICE: L \$1.00-M. \$.75- S\$.50-Blts. \$.10

Set of one L, one M, one S, and 3 blts. \$2.00

ORANGOLD (39-F17) Margaret Fulton X 34-A 5 (Phipps X Loyalty)

This is one of those in between colors as the name suggests, it is either an orange gold or a golden orange. According to Fisher's Chart it is lighter orange yellow. This is a tall strong grower with broad healthy foliage. 5 to 6 open 4 in color on a 21 bud spike. Florets round wide open, lightly ruffled and 5" to $5\frac{1}{2}$ ". The coloring of this is beautiful. It opens slowly but well when cut and is a good keeper. Same blooming season as DEPENDABLE. Incidentally they are beautiful in a basket together.

PRICES-----Same as DEPENDABLE.

FORMER INTRODUCTIONS

PINK RIBBON

My first introduction. Winner of many awards including 2 V. C's and A. M. and many firsts in class 641. PINK RIBBON has the most perfect stem I have ever seen on a glad, tall, slender, straight, tough and pliable. You can almost bend it into a circle without it breaking. PINK RIBBON is an early light pink with a cream throat, small decorative, 6 open 6 in color. PINK RIBBON will be offered for the first time by other growers this year.

PRICE: L \$.25 M. \$.15 S. \$.10 Blts 10 for \$.20

PURPLE PEP

A real healthy growing early commercial purple. PURPLE PEP makes tall straight stems, 5 to 6 open 4" heavily ruffled florets of heavy substance. Color does not fade or "Wash" like many other purples. Have had a few reports of this burning in the field but if opened indoors it holds its color well. PURPLE PEP makes large bulb-lets and lots of them and they germinate easily. Have good reports on this, especially for its fine color and form. PURPLE PEP only has 13 to 15 buds but it makes a well balanced spike.

PRICE: L \$.50 M. \$.30 S. \$.15 Blts. 10 for \$.50

PINK VELVET

The coloring and form of this makes it a real beauty. Pure pink shading to almost white in the throat, heavy substance with a velvety sheen and well ruffled. 5" florets 5 to 7 open 4 to 6 in color, florets well placed. Straight medium height stem. PINK VELVET won the N.E.G.S. seedling trophy at Maine in 1942 and the grower who showed it said it was not up to the previous years performance for him. PINK VELVET is a real beauty. Have had several good reports on this in its first year out.

PRICE: L \$.75 M. \$.50 S. \$.25 Blts. 10 for \$.75

HON

An apricot pink with a blending peach throat, not a bloched variety but the added color in the throat lights up the whole flower. 6 to 8 open on a 21 bud spike, 5" florets (have had 10 open and nearer 6") lightly ruffled, good substance, stands heat well. This is the favorite of our local florist. HON has a V. C. and many other good reports including Spring Green and Maryland Trial gardens. HON is my pet name for my wife, "Nuf Sed".

PRICES same as PINK VELVET

SEEDLINGS UNDER NUMBER

These seedlings are still under trial or are being held for their breeding qualities. Some lucky folks bought DEPENDABLE and ORANGOLD under number for \$.25 last year. A word to the wise is sufficient.

PRICES on the following bulbs 1" and up \$.25

39-F18---A beautiful pink with cream throat, double row placement, 6-8 open 6 in color. I think you will like it.

39-F8----This is a real early. It has bloomed on June 19, 18, 23 the last three years from April 1 planting. A week earlier than Pink Ribbon. Color light red, 5" florets 5-6 open on a tall straight stem.

34-A2----Dark red (Purple Glory X Pfitzers Triumph) can be wonderful or common. Parent of PINK VELVET, PURPLE PEP and 39-F 8.

39-F 12--Clear yellow S. D. 8-10 open. Have bloomed 300 seedlings from 39-F 12 X White Gold and every one has been yellow. Spikes of this from 6's and large blts. look like a bouquet of daffodils. Special 6 blts and 6 # 6 for \$.50

39-F 23--There are better blue flowers. This makes clean bulbs, multiplies easily and is a healthy grower, something not found in many blues.

PERFUME (Brauer)

This is the only variety listed in my catalog from another grower. Perfume is the most fragrant glad to date. It is a beautiful creamy white with a rose dart in the throat. I am breeding my own fragrants and will have some ready in a couple of years. If you are breeding glads don't miss this. I have only a small surplus of bulbs 1" and up at \$.50 per bulb while they last.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

One large bulb each of DEPENDABLE, ORANGOLD, PINK RIBBON, PURPLE PEP, PINK VELVET, and HON \$4.25 value for \$3.25
Same collection in medium bulbs \$2.25 in small bulbs \$1.25

All orders prepaid anywhere in the U. S. A. The usual extras, depending on the size of the order. Quantity prices: 10 at 8 times the price of one: 100 at 8 times the price of 10. 3 or 5 bulbs of a size at the 10 rate.

The stock of some of these varieties is still small, so on late orders smaller sizes may have to be substituted, but allowances will be made for the difference in price.

Orders up to \$5 net: \$5 to \$10, 10% discount. \$10 to \$20, 15% dis.

